

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) A lifting device comprising:  
a top part and a bottom part,  
a lifting linkage that connects the top part to the bottom part and has at least two sub-linkages connected to one another via a central articulation, and  
a drive unit that is operable to adjust the height of the top part, and act laterally on the central articulation such that the lifting linkage is displaced in the vertical direction, the lifting linkage being supported on the bottom part by way of spaced-apart scissors feet of the bottom sub-linkage.
2. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, in that the drive unit has a spindle, which is fastened on the central articulation and a motor.
3. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the spindle is a trapezoidal spindle.
4. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the motor is fastened on the bottom part.
5. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the motor is fastened on the central articulation.
6. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sub-linkage is connected to the bottom part in an articulated manner by front scissors feet and is fastened on the bottom part by rear scissors feet such that the sub-linkage runs over the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.
7. – 8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the central articulation moves rectilinearly.

10. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two sub-linkages connected to the bottom part.

11. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the one of the at least two sub-linkages comprises front feet fastened on the bottom part and rear scissor feet that are operable to slide over the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.

12. (new) A lifting device comprising:  
a top part and a bottom part,  
a lifting linkage that connects the top part to the bottom part and has at least two sub-linkages connected to one another via a central articulation, and  
a drive unit that is operable to adjust the height of the top part, and act on the central articulation.

13. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the at least two sub-linkages have a scissors structure.

14. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the drive unit is operable to move the central articulation in the vertical direction.

15. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the drive unit has a spindle, which is fastened on the central articulation, and a motor.

16. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the spindle is a trapezoidal spindle.

17. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the motor is fastened on the bottom part.

18. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the central articulation moves rectilinearly.

19. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein one of the at least two sub-linkages is connected to the bottom part.

20. (new) The lifting device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the one of the at least two sub-linkages comprises front feet fastened on the bottom part and rear scissor feet that are operable to slide over the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.